

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims, 2, 10, 13 and 27 as follows:

2. (Amended) 2. A composition comprising one or more of the following peptides:

Q3 RVIRVVQRACRAIRHIVRRIRQGLRRIL (SEQ ID NO: 1);

RVIRVVQRACRAIRHIVRRIRQGLRRILRVV (SEQ ID NO: 2); and

RWIRVVQRWCRAIRHIWRRIRQGLRRWLRVV (SEQ ID NO: 3),

and a carrier.

Q4 10. (Amended) The peptide of claim 1 wherein said peptide has antimicrobial activity in a low salt medium.

Q5 13. The solid phase substrate of claim 12 wherein the peptide is RVIRVVQRACRAIRHIVRRIRQGLRRIL (SEQ ID NO: 1).

Q6 27. (Amended) The method of claim 23 or 25 wherein said microbial growth is resistant to antibiotics.

REMARKS

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002. Claims 22-27 are pending. By this amendment, Applicants have amended the specification and claim 2, 10, 13 and 27 to place the claims in condition for allowance. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicant has provided (1) accurate instructions to amend the claims, (2) replacement claims in clean form herein, and (3) another version of the amended claims marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version, which appears on an attached page.